

Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation

As of May 25, 5,331 trees have been removed from the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine area. Of those, 507 were infested host trees and 4,824 were high-risk exposed host trees. Crews continued removing trees this week in areas of Rahway, Woodbridge and Carteret. Currently, 25 program personnel from USDA APHIS PPQ, NJDA, NJ Forest Service are performing survey, control and regulatory activities.

Tree treatments in the Middlesex/Union Counties ALB quarantine area began on May 24. During the first two days of operations, 926 susceptible host trees in the Carteret treatment area have been treated by soil injection. Approximately 20,000 trees will be treated with the insecticide imidacloprid by the time treatment is completed. The insecticide is being injected into the tree's trunk or into the soil surrounding the tree.

As of May 25, the New Jersey State Forest Service's landscaping contractor has planted 409 non-host trees in the Carteret and Woodbridge area of the removal zone. A total of 700 trees are slated to be planted this spring.

Jersey City/Hoboken ALB Infestation

Four program personnel along with two USDA Forest Service Smokejumpers and one NJDA supervisor tree climber continue to perform survey and regulatory activities in the Jersey City/Hoboken ALB quarantine area. To date 1,030 host trees were surveyed with no signs of ALB.

Public Outreach:

The Putnam Maynard Civic Association of Union requested and received 400 Asian Longhorned Beetle information packets for its members.